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SECRETARY OF LABOR,

: CIVIL PENALTY PROCEEDING

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (MSHA),

Docket No. WEVA 85-169

Petitioner

A.C. No. 46-02493-03536

Quinland No. 1 Mine

QUINLAND COALS, INC., Respondent

v.

DECISION

Appearances:

Sheila K. Cronan, Esq., Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor, Arlington, VA, for

Petitioner;

William D. Stover, Esq., Quinland Coals, Inc.,

Beckley, WV, for Respondent

Before:

Judge Pauver

The Secretary of Labor brought this action for civil penalties under section 105 (d) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. § 801, et seq. Having considered the hearing evidence and the record as a whole, 1/ I find that a preponderance of the substantial, reliable, and probative evidence establishes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACTS

1. Respondent's Quinland No. 1 Mine was formerly owned and operated by Westmoreland Coal Company under the name of Ferrell Mine.

Respondent's Objection to Acceptance of Posthearing Evidence is rejected. The preshift reports of Dayton Lane are the best evidence of the reports filed by Lane. They are received as evidence in this proceeding. Respondent's Motion for a Protective Order is moot, because no other preshift reports of Lane were submitted by the Secretary after such motion and before entry of this Decision.